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## PACKARD WAR WORKERS SELECT LOCAL NO. 716

### Flynn Urges Production Soldiers to Stay on Job

#### Work Disruptions Are Called 'The Only Hope of the Axis' In the Battle for Survival

Tools Should Not Be Laid Down Until the Last Enemy  
Soldier Has Died or Surrendered, Teamster Leader  
Declares in Magazine Article.

The necessity for American workers to keep the nation's production machinery running at full blast until the war is stressed by Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to General President Daniel J. Tolson in the September 1943 issue of "The International Worker."

"It is not exercise of our privilege of telling society the business agent draws hell," Mr. Flynn writes. "In fact, we shouldn't go to hell except the Germans and such as they have among us."

Mr. Flynn is referring to the enemy who are inside our nation. He said that the person who spreads dissension and who works to stage strikes in regard of orders of their work is a friend of Hitler and the Axis.

"The only chance the Axis has of winning this war is to slow down our production," he wrote. "Any man who pulls a strike that delays war cargoes from reaching the ports or that slows the production of weapons giving Hitler more help than a regiment of German soldiers."

#### Cites Grievance Source

Mr. Flynn emphasized that most of the grievances which workers have today result from the multitude of problems which the war has given their government and their employers, and that the blame for any irritations that come to workers should be placed on the Germans and Japs, not on governmental agencies or employers.

"Those 2,000,000 union men in the army don't lay down their guns unless they fall with them," Mr. Flynn wrote.

"And no union man in the



Thomas E. Flynn

#### WLB Approves Pay Increases for 500 Local 369 Members

MUNCIE, Ind.—(Special)—The War Labor Board has given its approval to three contracts which provide approximately 500 members of Local Union No. 369 with wage increases ranging from five cents to ten cents per hour, Brother D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of the local, announced here.

Some 400 drivers will benefit under a newly-approved uniform city agreement which provides a pay jump of five cents per hour. The War Labor Board directed that the pay hike should be retroactive to July 1, 1943.

Drivers for the Grant Iron & Metals Company at Marion have received pay increases of 10 cents per hour, retroactive to May 5, 1943, with the approval of the War Labor Board.

A five per cent wage increase for employees of the Drop Forge Company at Portland also received WLB approval.

#### Council to Meet In Terre Haute On September 23

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—(Special)—The September meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council will be held here Thursday night, September 23, in conjunction with the 59th annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor which opens Tuesday, September 21.

The meetings of the Council normally are held in Indianapolis, but in view of the fact that all of its members are planning to attend the convention, it was decided to hold the Council session here.

Brother Alton P. Hess, of Fort Wayne, president of the Council, will preside.

#### MORGAN'S BAD RECORD HITS HIM IN THE FACE AS SOLDIERS CAN FOOD

COLUMBUS, Ind. (Special)—No one can argue about the fact that there is a great need for workers in the canneries of the Morgan Packing Company to help prepare the food that is needed so desperately by America and her allies in this war.

And so, when 100 soldiers reported for work in some of the canneries recently, only a few complaints were heard. After all, it meant that a lot of all-important canning would be done.

#### Labor Abuse Cited

But persons standing on the sidelines could not help but remember the time when jobs were scarce, and when Ivan C. Morgan took advantage of this situation by paying near-starvation wages to his employees.

They remembered, too, the terrible working conditions that existed in the canneries at that

#### Teamster Organization Beats CIO, 313 to 197, in N. L. R. B. Voting at Indianapolis Plant

Organized Efforts Authorized by A. F. of L. Prove  
Successful; Negotiations for Contract Covering 800  
Employees Will Be Started Soon.

Local Union No. 716 scored a smashing victory over the CIO in an NLRB runoff election conducted September 8 to determine the bargaining agent for approximately 800 employees of the Packard Manufacturing Corporation of Indianapolis.

A total of 510 votes were cast in the election, with the Teamsters' Union receiving 313, and the CIO 197.

#### Runoff Was Necessary

In another election, held August 20, Local No. 716 led the balloting, but failed to obtain a clear majority, necessitating the runoff election. In the August balloting, the employees were given three choices: (1) Teamster representation; (2) CIO representation, and (3) no union.

Organization efforts of Local No. 716 were started after the CIO had failed to win bargaining rights for the employees in an election in which they were given a choice between only the CIO and no union.

#### AFL Gave Authority

AFL leaders authorized the Teamsters' union to organize the corporation's employees, the action coming shortly after the Machinists' union had dropped its affiliation with the AFL.

Steff Miles was selected by Brother Johnnie Baker and Brother Albert Tyree, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of Local No. 716, to lead the organization work, and she immediately signed up a great number of the employees as members of the local.

#### Achievements Were Stressed

The outstanding record of the Teamsters' union, including the many contributions it has made to help in the winning of the war, was stressed in the organizing campaign.

The Packard Manufacturing Corporation is engaged in war production work. All of the NLRB elections were consent elections.

Brother Tyree and Brother Baker have announced that negotiations will be started soon on a contract covering the corporation's employees.

#### TRANSPORTATION WORKERS ASKED TO STAY ON JOBS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Transportation workers should stay on their jobs; they will not improve their Selective Service status in any way by transfer, provided they are now using their highest skills, Otto S. Beyer, member of the War Manpower Commission and Director of the Division of Transport Personnel, Office of Defense Transportation, said.

"Transportation is a vital war industry, and transportation needs workers," Mr. Beyer declared.

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to Teamsters' Union

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## Action Is Necessary

It's high time for organized labor to take a vigorous stand against persons who are starting propaganda aimed at getting Americans to look upon the Japanese with pity and kindness.

These persons, many of them labor-hating industrialists, apparently have two purposes in mind: (1) To work towards a negotiated peace instead of the unconditional surrender of Japan, and (2) to bring a huge amount of cheap Oriental labor into the United States after the end of the war.

Efforts are being made to infiltrate the Japs who were living on the west coast at the start of the war into the middle-west, and to use these Japs in the task of "softening up" Americans to the point that they will cry out for a negotiated peace when Japan is nearly knocked out of the war.

As an example of what is going on, a Japanese girl recently was employed by a large Indianapolis department store. Soon thereafter she started to give talks on "Japanese Culture" before church organizations and other groups.

The girl, herself, probably should not be condemned. More than likely she is a Christian girl who has no idea that she may be helping pave the way for a negotiated peace and as a result another Pearl Harbor in 15 or 20 years.

And probably she does not realize what would happen to American working men and women if persons accustomed to living and working under Oriental standards were to be permitted to flock into the United States after the war.

But we must not overlook the fact that all Japs now living in the United States, particularly the good-intentioned ones, are as much a menace to the nation and to organized labor as are those sneaky Japs who are cutting short the lives of many of America's fighting men on the battle fronts.

Let's land a knockout punch on the jaws of those who want us to let Japan escape unconditional surrender, and who desire to cheat American workers by opening the nation's doors to cheap labor.

## Meet the Schedule

The war news has been good lately—so good, in fact, that many Americans have forgotten the serious peril in which we stand.

The war cannot end until Berlin and Tokyo are captured and occupied by Allied troops.

The United Nations have been advancing on four fronts around the world. The military have been meeting schedules mapped out months in advance. We at home have our own schedules to meet, schedules which determine the length and the very outcome of the war.

Labor Day, 1943, marked the eve of the Third War Loan. It also marked the beginning of an accelerated war production drive. In meeting War Bond quotas and war production schedules, American labor cannot and must not fail.

Labor's record during the past year has been a remarkable one, and we must now attack the impossible, even as our soldiers and sailors have done in achieving their magnificent victories. War Bond and war production schedules have been set.

In the Third War Loan all America must average an extra \$100 War Bond apiece. This means three to four billions extra in War Bonds from the members and families of organized labor.

Additional War Bonds are needed to help pay for stepped up war production, which must be accelerated by more than 30 per cent by the end of this year.

On the home front each of us has a personal War Bond and war production schedule to meet.

## In the Know With Kokomo

By O. B. CHAMBERS

LOCAL NO. 759 MEETS AT 8 P. M. ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE LABOR TEMPLE, 512 EAST SYCAMORE STREET, KOKOMO, IND.

Paul Smith, one of the oldest members of Local No. 759, stopped in the office the other day while back on a visit from California. We sure were glad to see him again.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Dora Raber, cashier at Courier Express, and his family. His son was drowned in the Wabash river at Logansport.

Morris Jenkins, from the navy, visited our office.

We have opened negotiations on a contract with the Armour Company creamery in Rochester, Ind. The company has agreed to a 15 cents per hour increase, and we hope to complete the negotiations soon and to present the contract to the War Labor Board for approval.

We received a letter from Marvin Holaday who is serving in the army in North Africa. He said he didn't get seasick on the trip over. He asked me to say hello to all of the fellows he worked with before he entered the service. He said, too, that he had met several members of the Teamsters' union overseas, and stressed the fact that all of them are hoping that the working conditions that they left when they entered the army will be maintained. "We want something to come home to," he wrote.

The War Labor Board has granted the drivers for the Ward Baking Company a \$4.25 per week increase in their base pay, and the increase is retroactive to last April.

We have been unable to get the office girl to write any more poems for the paper, but we may be successful later on.

A new Central Labor Body is being organized in Wabash, Ind., and application has been made for a charter.

## BUY MORE WAR BONDS.

## Ed Marlatt, 31, In Truck Crash Fatally Injured

LOGANSPORT, Ind.—(Special)—Ed Marlatt, 31, of Logansport, a member of Local Union No. 759, of Kokomo, died August 18 in the Wabash County Hospital of injuries suffered two days earlier when a tractor-truck he was driving swerved off Road 24, one and one-half miles west of Andrews and crashed into a cement abutment.

Brother Marlatt was an employee of the Saunders & Douglass Trucking Company, of Logansport. He was en route from Detroit, Mich., to Logansport when the crash occurred. Death was due to shock and internal injuries.

Survivors are the widow; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Marlatt, of Logansport; a son, and five sisters.

## No Advertising!

You will notice that no advertising appears in these columns. That is no accident. The Indiana Teamster does not accept advertising of any description. We believe that it is the duty of a Labor newspaper to print the news and views of Organized Labor, and not those of the advertisers. Paid advertising usually hampers the editorial freedom of a newspaper. It has long been a policy of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to avoid advertising in its official publications. We subscribe to that policy. We represent the Indiana Teamsters, and none else!

## They're Trucking Experts



Like the itinerant justices of past days, the members of the War Labor Board Trucking Commission have been traveling about the country to hear wage cases. They are (left to right) Frank Tobin, labor member; Nathan Feinsinger, public member, and Landis P. O'Brien, employer member.

## HOW TO KILL A UNION

- 1—Don't attend meetings.
- 2—If you go, go late.
- 3—If the weather isn't pleasant, stay home.
- 4—Don't accept any office; it's easier to criticize.
- 5—Never approve anything your officers or committees do.
- 6—Don't pay your dues until you have to.
- 7—Don't bother recruiting new members.
- 8—Insist on official notices being sent you, but don't pay any attention to them when you get them.
- 9—Don't waste any courtesy at a meeting. It's up to your officers to take it.
- 10—When you don't like what's going on say so, but under no circumstances offer any constructive suggestions.
- 11—Devote most of your time talking; let someone else do the work.
- 12—If elected a delegate to a higher body or convention, don't bother about attending sessions.
- 13—Then you can come home and report that the organization is in the hands of a political gang and that there's no use trying to do anything about it.
- 14—Look for hidden motives; don't credit brother or sister members with any ideals.
- 15—Don't co-operate with any officer or committee; make them co-operate with you.
- 16—Remember, you know more than anyone else about everything. If they don't agree with you, they're wrong.
- 17—Remember you were active for years—your experience could help the union now, but let the inexperienced officers start from scratch—*you did.*

—(Reprint from Cleveland Citizen.)

## WHAT DO WE WANT?

By RUTH TAYLOR

What do we want after this war?

We want unity—not a unity of religion or ideals. We may differ about the them, but if we head for the same goal.

We want freedom from war. We want to grow up to a world untroubled by war—a future before them, not to be cut down youth in each succeeding generation. We want lives of service that will develop and go to the world, and not be disrupted and delayed by warfare.

We want freedom from want. We want to resources, our great talents to the needs of peace work out the solution to our economic problems, that we may have a chance to live and to live better. We want to the battles of disease and poverty. We want to save lives, rather than to slay hapless thousands on battlefields all over the world.

We want freedom from senseless discrimination as to color or creed. We want each to feel free to be proud of traditions of his ancestors and his faith. We want to encourage all strangers within our gates to live up to the best that they are, unashamed. We want each individual judged on what he himself does, not classed as a group, nor shackled by the chains of dislike or discrimination against his group as a whole.

We want to put to rest once and for all the fallacy that the strong must control the weak because they are strong. We want to give strength to the weak, not weaken the strong. We want to live up to our creed of equality before God and the law, and to see to it that no man need fear if he speaks and acts the way he sees it.

We want freedom and equality for all the people of all the earth. We want to destroy selfishness whether it be of men or nations. The victory we desire is great. It can be achieved if we win the victory first over ourselves, if we put into practice in our own lives what we want for the world.

## TRUCKS ARE DESCRIBED AS VITAL TO VICTORY

The motor transportation system is just as vital to victory as the railroad system, the air lines, or water transportation. Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, told a recent meeting of the Massachusetts Motor Trucking Association.

Mr. Eastman urged truckers to use the greatest care in preserving their equipment "since this type of transportation is so vital to our war effort and so essential to the winning of the war, so far as the home front is concerned."

## The Listening Post

"It is interesting for us to realize that every Flying Fortress that bombed harbor installations at Naples from its base in North Africa required 1,110 gallons of gasoline for each single mission, and that this is the equal of about 375 'A' ration tickets—enough gas to drive your car five times across this continent. You will better understand your part in the war—and what gasoline rationing means—if you multiply this by the gasoline needs of thousands of planes and hundreds of thousands of jeeps, trucks and tanks now serving overseas." President Roosevelt, July 28, 1943.



## JOE WILLIAMS SAYS:

Teamsters in the Armed Forces  
Are Filling Hearts With Pride

Brother Joe Williams, president of Joint Council 69, and secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135, is a mighty proud man these days.

"Take a look at the outstanding records of some of our members who are serving in the armed forces," he says, "and then you'll know why I and all of the other officers of my local and of the Joint Council are doing a lot of bragging."

Brother Williams cited in particular the record of Chief Boatwain's Mate Olav Andersen, 37, of Indianapolis, who is receiving hospital care at the United States Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., for injuries suffered during a Jap bombing raid on Guadalcanal.

## Blown From Foxhole

"Olav is one of our boys who has shown that he can both dish it out and take it," Brother Williams said. "He was blown out of a foxhole while serving in the Seabees on Guadalcanal, but he wants to hurry up and recover from a serious spinal injury so that he can get back into action."

Boatswain's Mate Andersen was returned to the United States July 11, and after a brief period of hospitalization in Oakland, Cal., came to Indianapolis for a brief visit before going to Great Lakes. Upon arriving home he saw his one-year-old daughter, Jeannine Marie, for the first time. The first night he was home she looked up at him and said, "Hello, Daddy."

His wife is Mrs. Myrtle Andersen, a niece of Brother Williams. He has a nine-year-old son, Richard Kent Andersen, and a brother who is serving in the Swedish navy. Boatswain's Mate Andersen served for eight years in the United States Army prior to being employed by the Silver Fleet Motor Freight Company. He enlisted in the Seabees in March, 1942.

## Work Is Praised

Brother Williams also expresses pride in the work of Sgt. Lawrence Doyle, 33, of Buckley Field, Colorado, a former member of Local No. 135 and a former employee of the Hayes Freight Lines. He has been in the Army over four years, and recently visited in Indianapolis while on a furlough.

"Sgt. Doyle is doing a great job in the Army," Brother Williams said. "He is a drill instructor, and his particular job is to see to it that our soldiers are plenty tough before they are sent into combat. He sends them over obstacle courses, trains them in the use of bayonets, and gives them other instruction which will help them knock the hell out of those Japs and Germans."

Another former member of Local No. 135, Sgt. Emmett Longstaff, a bombardier of the Royal Canadian Air Force, has been missing in action in the European war theater for four months. Sgt. Longstaff is a nephew of Brother Williams.

## Reciprocal Travel

Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, has called the attention of truck and passenger car operators to the executive order recently issued by Governor Edward J. Thye of Minnesota, granting full recognition on a reciprocal basis to all motor vehicles bearing out-of-state licenses and travelling through Minnesota in the interest of the war.

Under the executive order, properly licensed out-of-state trucks and passenger cars may operate in Minnesota for the period of the war, provided the states whose licenses are carried on the vehicle grant equivalent reciprocity to trucks and passenger cars from Minnesota.

Under wartime operation, railroad freight cars must travel about 16 per cent farther on the average haul.

RICHMOND LOCAL  
691 SAYS 'HELLO'

By JOHN M. PERRY

THE LAST REGULAR MEETING OF LOCAL NO. 691 WAS AT 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, IN THE EAGLES ANNEX ON SOUTH 7TH STREET, RICHMOND, IND.

I have been elected secretary-treasurer of Local No. 691 to succeed Wayne Stinson who resigned to accept another position. Brother Stinson wishes to thank all members of the local for the co-operation they gave him, and also wishes to thank the international officers for the assistance they gave him and the local.

A. W. Cors was elected assistant business agent for the southern portion of the territory covered by the local.

It's more men to the armed forces. Wilbur Todd already has taken up his duties with the Army Engineers in New Jersey, and Wesley Perry, now employed by Juerling & Sons, will be leaving on the 18th to join the Seabees.

The War Labor Board has approved the city agreement covering the seven city terminals. A 16 per cent pay increase, plus back pay, is provided for.

BUY MORE AND MORE WAR BONDS.

Indiana State Drivers' Council  
Endorses AFL Political Drive

Officers of the Indiana State Drivers' Council have voiced enthusiastic approval of a nationwide political drive, launched by the American Federation of Labor, to elect members of Congress in 1944 who are friendly to labor's cause.

All Teamster locals of the state will be urged to see to it that all Teamsters register so that they will be eligible to vote. Membership committees will be under orders to make sure that all members go to the polls on election day.

The goal of the campaign will be to elect labor's friends and to defeat its enemies, regardless of their political affiliations, officers of the Council asserted.

PAY RISE IN U. S.  
IS BELOW 1 CENT,  
WLB OFFICER SAYS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special)

The War Labor Board's wage stabilization program has increased wage rates in manufacturing less than one cent per hour, Vice-Chairman George W. Taylor said in a press conference here.

He conceded a rise of six cents per hour in gross average hourly earnings, but said this was quite different from wage rates, which is the only inflationary factor in the jurisdiction of the board.

"To suggest freezing weekly and hourly earnings," Taylor said, "is to suggest freezing war production."

He presented figures covering an eight-month period, beginning with October, 1942, when Congress ordered stabilization. A breakdown of the 6 per cent increase will show that nearly 90 per cent of it is attributable to greater war production and only 10 per cent to increases in the price of work, he said.

"Of the 6-cent rise in gross average hourly earnings, 1 cent is due to overtime pay, 1.6 cents is due to the shift to higher wage war industries, 2.8 cents is due to increased earnings under incentive plans, a direct result of increased production, and to such other factors as upgrading, individual promotions and merit increases, and .6 cent is due to increases in the price of labor approved by the War Labor Board," he said.



## WILL AID ITALIANS

NEW YORK—American labor will send generous quantities of food, clothing and medical supplies to the Italian people as rapidly as they are liberated by General Eisenhower's armies, according to a statement made by Matthew Woll, president of the Labor League of Human Rights and vice-president of the American Federation of Labor.

The voting records of present members of Congress on legislation affecting labor, particularly the ill-smelling Connally-Smith Act, will be studied carefully by the Teamster locals before they endorse any candidate, it was said.

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AFL Council Demands Quick Repeal  
Of Disrupting Connally-Smith ActTEAMSTER TIPS  
FROM 364

By GEORGE B. CAMPBELL

In starting this column, your correspondent wishes to say that he was out of town when the July column was written, and that he wishes to thank whoever wrote the news that month. It was much better than will be found in the column this month.

President Walter Biggs spent three days in Chicago last week in connection with his duties as recording secretary of the Central States Drivers' Council and also in connection with some cases pending before the War Labor Board. His trips usually bring results as he is in there pitching for all the crafts in our local. The results speak for themselves.

(Note to Pat Hess) Yes, we are going to bring Buck Snyder of Goshen along to the Joint Council meeting in your city. Buck wants to come anyway because he will probably have to collect some dues and transact other necessary business with some of his men in Fort Wayne.

(Note to Norman Murrin—144 Terre Haute) We will have a full delegation to the convention this month, but one familiar face will be missing for the first time. He has been out of town since the war and is somewhere over there. He is no other than Bill Lockes, former officer of Local No. 364, and I know Buck Snyder would like to have Bill for a room-mate like he did in Evansville two years ago. In the last note we had from him, he signed himself "Africa Bill."

Also Norm, Buck Snyder is looking forward to a reunion with the Burlap Sisters, so dig some up for him please.

Dave (Radio Equipment) Meyers, Carol Miller, and the other boys of the firm which had a disastrous fire at its warehouse last month, are moving so fast from place to place these days that your correspondent hardly can keep up with them.

Speaking of moving, I wish to give a special plug to a new brother who will solve your moving problems efficiently, carefully, and reasonably. This brother is Charlie Dalph, who lives at 1136 South Main street, South Bend, and his phone number is 4-2231. If you or anyone of your friends is considering moving, please give Charlie a ring and show him that the members of our local do patronize a brother member.

George (Freight Agent) O'Brien reports everything running quite smoothly in the Freight Division, but states there is a shortage of good drivers at almost all terminals.

Agent Bill Hansen of the Sales Drivers and Petroleum Division has declared open season on strange tank wagon drivers, and has bagged several already. Keep up with the good work, Bill.

Mike Granat, the agent who takes care of Drewry's Brewery, says the boys are all very busy out there, so more Teamsters and everyone in the territory served by that firm must be saying, "Make mine Drewry's."

Two of our boys from Sears Roebuck were accepted for service in the navy last month. They are (Buzz) or Mr. Bussert from the shipping dock, and Jim McCarthey, a driver. We wish them both the best of luck, and know they will both serve Uncle Sam to the best of their ability.

Remember, now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their country and buy more WAR BONDS and STAMPS.

CHICAGO, Ill.—(Special)—

The AFL Executive Council has demanded prompt repeal of the Connally-Smith Act because "events have certainly proved that it tends to promote strikes rather than prevent them."

The Council blamed this anti-labor law for disrupting war production and creating chaotic conditions in many plants where otherwise exercise of normal union discipline would have averted a crisis. Thus, the efforts of AFL unions to comply with the no-strike pledge are actually being thwarted by this obnoxious legislation, the Council charged. Its statement follows:

## Policy Is Threatened

Continued successful enforcement of the American Federation of Labor's no-strike policy is seriously threatened by the Connally-Smith Act. Events already have proved the validity of our warning to Congress at the time the measure was being considered. We said then that this ill-considered law would promote strikes rather than prevent them. That is just what is happening now.

Under Attorney General Biddle's interpretation of the ambiguous language of this law, any group of employees in a war plant no matter how small a minority they represent—may petition for a strike vote.

Thus the way is opened for disrupting production and creating chaotic conditions in thousands of cases where otherwise the exercise of union discipline would have averted the crisis from coming to a head.

## Few Always Disgruntled

There are always a disgruntled few in any plant who are dissatisfied with conditions and advocate extreme measures. Nowadays, with prices of food increasing steadily while wages remain frozen, such troublemakers find it easier than ever to gain converts. Without the Connally-Smith Act, unions would be able in almost every case to prevail upon the workers to submit their grievances to the War Labor Board and reach a settlement in an orderly way without interrupting production. But with the Connally-Smith Act in operation, the efforts of our unions to comply with the no-strike policy at all costs can be and are being thwarted.

This is one of many ways in which the impractical provisions of the Connally-Smith Act are proving oppressive to both industry and labor alike and are endangering the war production program.

Motor Trucks  
Surmount All  
War Problems

WASHINGTON—In the battle for more production of arms, highway transportation is making an important contribution, as witnessed by the huge amount of war goods—raw materials, fabricated and semi-fabricated parts, and finished products—being hauled by motor trucks.

A recent survey of 227 truck operators, for example, showed that of the 30,469 loads carried in one week's period, nearly 75 per cent contained military materials or products. In another survey of 741 war plants, 65 per cent of incoming freight, and 79 per cent of outgoing freight was being shipped by truck.

## Overheard in Muncie:

"I have lived in this town all my life. By actual count there are 27 barrooms here, and I am proud to say I have never been in one of them."

"Which one was that?"





"Been working much overtime lately, Mr. Williams?"

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS COVER 85 PER CENT OF WAR WORKERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—About 85 per cent of American war workers are in plants covered by collective bargaining agreements, Joseph D. Keenan, WPB Vice Chairman for Labor Production, revealed.

The newly appointed Vice Chairman declared that "managers and workers and government share the responsibility for getting rid of any kinks in our production line," and asked that labor-management co-operation be made "a tremendous powerhouse for increased production."

Keenan said that equipment which workers produced in recent months is being used up right now. "If you had not been at your posts doing your jobs with skill and speed our fighting men might now be on the receiving end instead of on the attacking side," Keenan asserted.

"Every extra gun or plane or ship we produce from the bottom of the barrel of human energy means life to some of our fighting men and destruction to Axis enemies."

"I direct this appeal especially to American trades unions from whose ranks I came. AFL and CIO unions deserve high praise for their adherence to the no-strike pledge and equally for their initiative in finding ways to speed the war effort. I ask them for extra help now to overcome the lag which occurred through no fault of theirs in May and June."

"I know how unavoidable that lag seemed to be but from this point on we must overcome any obstacle, make our equipment better and better and at the same time boost production up and up."

"Organized labor deserves credit for effective leadership in helping to boost war production to its present high level. At the same time it shoulders major responsibility for getting still better results in the months to come."

"I say this because a survey by the WPB Labor Production Offices indicates that about 85 per cent of American War workers are in plants where collective bargaining agreements exist between unions and management."

"Despite sharp disagreements which have existed at times in some places, collective bargaining machinery in war plants already has formed the basis for joint action between labor and management to boost output, conserve manpower from accidents and illness, save materials and increase salvage."

"I ask labor organizations to extend and improve the pattern of labor management cooperation to accomplish these necessary goals."

## Teamsters Wallop Machinists in Peru Ordnance Election

PERU, Ind.—(Special)—The Teamsters' union triumphed overwhelmingly recently in a consent election to determine the collective bargaining agent for the warehousemen and truck drivers at the Victory Ordnance Plant here, Brother O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 759, has announced.

A total of 261 ballots were cast in the NLRB election, with the Teamsters' union receiving 229, and the Machinists' union, which recently dropped its affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, receiving only 32.

"We are highly pleased with the wise choice made by the employees in the election," Brother Chambers commented. "And we know that they never will be sorry that they voted in favor of the strong and patriotic Teamsters' union."

## WORK DISRUPTION IS DESCRIBED AS THE HOPE OF AXIS

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production army should lay down his tools until the last enemy soldier has died or surrendered.

"This is war, brother, and you're in it."



By Al Lindahl

- August 6—Hello again from the gang at Drewry's.
- August 7—Just found out that Joe Wencits is now chewing gum instead of his favorite snuff, and, above all, is using a highly-scented after-shaving lotion. Why, Joe?
- August 8—Mike Granat, our B. A., is getting to know one gal from another on the bottle-line. (Don't let them throw you, Mike!)
- August 9—You would think that the state of Michigan didn't have a brewery to see the semi yard this A. M.
- August 10—It is rumored that the old "Benedict" Lee Storey is falling for some one at the plant?????
- August 11—"Fran" Weber is out taking orders for Bill Tidwell, and I bet he doesn't catch enough for himself.
- August 12—Why does Bob Singleton carry a pair of loaded dice?
- August 13—My lucky day!
- August 14—Why do all the local drivers stay out so late on a Saturday?
- August 15—Big meeting of the S. A. Club and Employees' Association in the Rathskellar. P. S.—Usual bunch attended.
- August 16—Had a very nice letter from Albert Ullmer, our Brewmaster, who is resting down on the old Ohio at Louisville, and everything is coming along O. K.
- August 17—Mike Szerba is again our wash-house boss, and many thanks for that.
- August 18—Bill Cleary is still Mayor of Terrace Lane at this date.
- August 19—It is rumored that "Jack" Mossman and "Lorry" Macht have a deck of cards up their sleeve.
- August 20—Joe Bella and his crew of would-be painters have got George Nussart just about ready for a nervous break loose.
- August 21—Sadness in the ranks of the oldtimers in the sudden death of our good brother, Jack Natkiewicz, better known as "Maude Baker," who is sure to be missed by all, both here and on the West Side.
- August 22—Meeting in the Rathskellar to plan a fish fry for the members of Drewry's Employees' Association (to be held September 11).
- August 23—Joe Takacs' looking for a stork.
- August 24—Why did Ray Derucki "Dooley" pay \$21.00 to sleep uptown when he has a nice bed at home?
- August 25—Arnold Caltham had better get in shape as "Tiddy" leaves on his vacation on the 28th.
- August 26—It is getting so that Tom Hedrick is the only 24-hour man left at the plant. If you don't believe me, ask Florine.
- August 27—Hurray, Joe Takacs now has three girls, but only one at a time. The best of health to all involved.
- August 28—It sure seems good to be off on a Saturday night.
- August 29—Not so good.
- August 30—Who is going to be our "pin-up" girl in the bottle shop?
- August 31—The last day of a wonderful month and another Bond on its way to most of the employees at Drewry's.
- September 1—Arose very early, and did not see a sign of the fabled morn.
- September 2—"Al" Nagy is now a member of the United States Marines, and it sure is good to see a big fellow in that branch of the service.
- September 3—Bill Cleary is now O. K. after a good treatment at the "Irish" Cochrane joint on L. W. W.
- September 4—Sure am sorry to hold up the office on this scribbling, but got a little wet last night, and you know what I mean.

SO A GOOD BUY FOR NOW, AND FOR THE DURATION, IS THE VERY BEST BUY OF ALL—U. S. WAR BONDS

## War Labor Board Grants Pay Hike to 28 Local 233 Members

The War Labor Board has given its approval to three contracts covering members of Indianapolis Local Union No. 233, providing pay increases for a total of 28 persons, Ernest Crikmore, secretary-treasurer, and Paul Page, president, of the local, announced recently.

## HERE'S THE LATEST FROM TERRE HAUTE LOCAL NO. 144

By N. MURRIN

GENERAL MEETINGS OF LOCAL NO. 144 ARE HELD AT 7:30 P. M. ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE TEAMSTERS' TEMPLE, 121 SOUTH 8TH STREET, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

### Freight:

This local is happy to report that, thanks to the co-operation of the State Drivers' Committee, the vacation wage check will be mailed to Brother Weed Matherly, formerly with the Commercial Motor Freight, who now is in the service of Uncle Sam.

Uncle Sam has released George Dussenberry and we're happy to see him back at his old job with the Dennis Trucking Company.

Howard Coffenberry dropped in for a minute to visit at the local office, and he looks so well that we doubt whether he will be back until such time as he makes up his own mind to leave the army.

### Construction:

Bill Pfeiffer is employing about 45 of our members in the hauling of gravel to the new airport. Keep those trucks in good shape, Bill.

Terre Haute claims to have the cleanest airport dust in Indiana.

### Milk:

The recent War Labor Board decision covering the dairy employees of Terre Haute does not seem to us to be fair to the ice cream drivers. An appeal will be made to try to correct the decision as it was handed down.

### Bread:

We have just opened contract negotiations for the bread salesmen of Terre Haute and hope to have the negotiations cleaned up within a month if possible.

The Kroger Baking Company agreement has just been reopened and, with the help of a good negotiating committee composed of members from the plant, we feel that negotiations will be completed in record time.

### Taxicabs:

Well, delegates, the taxi drivers have assured us that they are well prepared to give you fellows the best taxi service that any convention has yet offered.

### Convention:

Delegates who were advised in the last issue of The Indiana Teamster that rooms were plentiful in Terre Haute must now face the fact that Uncle Sam's boys come first when living quarters are distributed. As you know, many servicemen are being quartered in Terre Haute hotels. However, rooms will be found for all delegates with as little inconvenience to them as possible. I am sure that all of the delegates will bear with Local No. 144 in its efforts to meet this situation. However, don't forget to be here. Let tomorrow take care of itself.

### Bonds:

Local No. 144 is the proud possessor of another \$5,000 war bond, and we intend to continue this practice just as long as our treasury will permit it.

### Officers:

The officers of Local No. 144 are Norman Murrin, president; Hubert Dix, vice-president; Ivan Neidlinger, secretary-treasurer; Jack Reynolds, recording secretary; William Sans, trustee; Max Waugh, trustee, and Herbert Gray, trustee. Business agents are Norman Murrin, Jack Reynolds, Herbert Gray and Elven Johnson.

BUY BONDS TO BOMB TOKYO

Twelve warehousemen employed at the Indianapolis Warehouse in Knightstown were granted pay jumps of 12½ cents per hour, the increases being retroactive to June 1, 1943. Each of the men received approximately \$70 in back pay.

Approval of a Swift & Company contract gave eight drivers wage increases of \$1.50 per week, retroactive to August 2, 1943.

Eight drivers for the Stokely-Van Camp Company will receive about \$100 each in back pay as a result of a contract approval. The contract, which provides increases of 7½ cents per hour, is retroactive to February 1.

## LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

LOCAL NO. 520 MEETS AT 8 P. M. ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 4616 INDIANAPOLIS BOULEVARD, EAST CHICAGO, IND.

We have received a number of letters and cards from our boys in service. These boys are doing their part, so it's up to us to do ours by writing to them. Be sure to write, even if it's only a postcard. These boys are hungry for news about their union and their home.

Private First Class Lawrence C. Schwandt, formerly of Concrete, has a new address: Hdq. Co., R. I., San Diego, Calif.

Staff Sergeant John J. Michigan Motors, is down at tucky. Here's his address: 229 Engr., Br. A. P. O., 4th Campbell, Ky.

Private John Dorociak, Justak Trucking Company, reached at this address: 395th Med. Gas. Treatment, Bn., Camp Ellis, Ill.

Private Dee Hamilton of No. 10, per's Company, has the following address: Med. Det., U. S. M. A., West Point, N. Y.

Technical Sergeant Lawrence C. Schwandt was in the state of Washington, but I have heard that he recently was sent overseas. He can be reached through this address: 310th Bomb Sqd., 38th Bomb Corps, Walla Walla Army Air Base, Washington.

I haven't heard anything about the Lake Cities contract or the McKeown Transportation Company, but I have asked for action on both cases. The oil drivers contract still is in a mess, but we are expecting action soon. We will have a meeting with furniture drivers and helpers on a new contract in a few days.

I hope my ears didn't deceive me when Mayor Migas said he would give our city helpers a 20 per cent raise, plus a 10 per cent raise for the drivers. This will make our city boys' wages the tops.

Bob Smith, of the Certified Concrete Company, and vice-president of Local No. 520, received a \$300 exemption the other day. In other words, he is the proud pappy of a bouncing boy, Bob and the baby are getting along very well.

Rellen Hotka of the Certified Concrete Company, is back from the navy on a medical discharge. Better luck next time, Rellen.

SUPPORT THE 3RD WAR LOAN.